



# Hampton Police Division Media Release

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**For Immediate Release**

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## **SUSPICIOUS DEATH RULED A SUICIDE**

On January 25, 2005, Hampton police detectives were notified by the Norfolk Crime Lab that the death of **Leon Theodore Graves, Jr.** was caused by a self-inflicted, single gun shot wound to the head. The deceased was found with a small caliber handgun in his possession. It is undetermined how long Graves had been deceased prior to his discovery.

The investigation reveals that on December 7, 2004, the deceased's family reported him missing from his Springdale Way home in Hampton. On January 24, 2005, a Wal-Mart employee noticed an individual in a parked vehicle that appeared to be sleeping. When the employee returned to his vehicle later in the evening, he noticed that there was no change in the position of the deceased and notified authorities.

The call came into the Hampton Emergency 911 Center on January 24, 2005, at approximately 9:00 pm. The caller indicated that an unresponsive man was inside a vehicle parked in the parking lot of 1900 Cunningham Drive, Wal-Mart. Hampton police and medics responded to the scene. Hampton medics determined that the individual was deceased.

Corporal James West will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6608.

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